

Program D: Voter Registration

Program Authorization: La. Constitution, Article IV, Sec. 12; R.S. 36-661-663; R.S. 18:3; R.S. 18:18; R.S. 18:20; R.S. 18:51-64; R.S. 101-221; R.S. 18:423; R.S. 18:1300.1-1300.7; R.S. 18:1321; R.S. 18:1331-1335; R.S. 18:1392; R.S. 18:1400.2-1400.7; R.S. 18:1451-1453; P.L. 103-31; Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; LAC 31:

II. Chapters 3, 5, and 6.

Program Description

The mission of the Voter Registration Program is to advance the Department's leadership position in operating the premier voter registration system in the nation; and to afford the citizens of Louisiana equal and convenient opportunities for voter registration.

The goals of the Voter Registration Program are: (1) to administer the laws governing voter registration; (2) to develop programs for the statewide voter registration system to better assist the parish registrars of voters and serve the General public; and (3) to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the information contained in the statewide voter registration system.

The Voter Registration Program is responsible for coordinating the registration of Louisiana voters by prescribing rules and instructions to be applied uniformly by the parish registrars; compiling and storing statistical research, political analysis, and voter trends; and maintaining the state's voter registration system. Parish registrars of voters register and canvass existing voters to ensure registration in the proper parish, ward, and precinct.

The Registration Administration Sections directs, assists, and prescribes rules, regulations forms, and instructions to be applied uniformly by each registrar of voters in the state. The expenses of this activity are discretionary.

The Registrars of Voters Section registers all persons interested in becoming a registered voter and updated voter registration data. In accordance with statutory requirements, the Department of Elections and Registration is required to pay the state's share of the salaries for registrars of voters and their employees, as well as, a prorated share of annual canvass cost. The canvass examines the validity of the address of record for the registered voters in Louisiana.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$4,861,796	\$5,418,722	\$5,418,722	\$5,415,047	\$5,388,746	(\$29,976)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$4,861,796	\$5,418,722	\$5,418,722	\$5,415,047	\$5,388,746	(\$29,976)
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$146,206	\$201,541	\$184,541	\$186,370	\$178,915	(\$5,626)
Other Compensation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Related Benefits	13,217	23,994	24,044	24,397	13,228	(10,816)
Total Operating Expenses	24,319	51,194	38,494	37,637	23,960	(14,534)
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	4,678,054	5,141,993	5,170,643	5,166,643	5,172,643	2,000
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	0	0	1,000	0	0	(1,000)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$4,861,796	\$5,418,722	\$5,418,722	\$5,415,047	\$5,388,746	(\$29,976)
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	3	3	3	3	3	0
Unclassified	1	1	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	4	4	4	4	4	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund.

RECOMMENDED

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$5,418,722	\$5,418,722	4	ACT 12 FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$5,418,722	\$5,418,722	4	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 20, 2001
\$1,092	\$1,092	0	Annualization of FY 2001-2002 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$1,704	\$1,704	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2002-2003
(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$703)	(\$703)	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$8,535)	(\$8,535)	0	Attrition Adjustment
(\$1,780)	(\$1,780)	0	Other Non-Recurring Adjustments - Annualized building rental per contract for headquarter building
(\$4,000)	(\$4,000)	0	Other Non-Recurring Adjustments - Adjustment for other charges acquisitions which includes a video camera and laptop for the educational committee for training in the Voter Registration Program
(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)	0	Other Adjustments - Adjustment to Group Benefits from Existing Operating Budget to FY 2003
(\$6,754)	(\$6,754)	0	Other Adjustments - General Fund reduction to travel
\$5,388,746	\$5,388,746	4	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$5,388,746	\$5,388,746	4	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$5,388,746	\$5,388,746	4	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This program does not have funding recommended for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

OTHER CHARGES

\$5,166,643 Salaries, benefits, miscellaneous election expenses, for the state's share of Parish Registrar of Voters Offices.

\$5,166,643 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Interagency Transfers:

\$6,000 OTM Fees

\$6,000 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

\$5,172,643 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

This program does not have funding recommended for Acquisitions and Major Repairs for Fiscal Year 2002-2003.